



Message from the AGA Board

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Happy Fall

Your AGA Chapter Executive Committee hopes all is well as we enter year end closing and a new adventure with SIGMA. If you are one of our chapter members who is not employed by the State of Michigan, SIGMA is the new financial reporting system that is being rolled out October 1, 2017. As with any new large computer system, one can expect a few bumps along the way. Operator error being one of them. Most of us, no matter who you are employed by, have encountered the trials and tribulations with new technology be it at work or even at home with a new computer or phone.

The chapter has been busy planning a schedule for the year. The first two events are coming soon. September 13 is our first webinar of the year, and September 19 is the half day Fall Professional Development Training. The full year calendar can be found on page 9. And keep an eye on the website and newsletter for new events.

For those attending the Fall PDT, be sure to bring your donation to Fisher House. A great way to help those who served and their families as they get needed medical attentions.

We are also requesting that chapter members who have served or continue to serve in our Armed Forces to speak up and let us know who you are so we can recognize the good work you have done for our country. See page 8 for details.

We are still looking for topics and speakers for our luncheon programs and Spring Professional Development Training. If you have ideas, contact any CEC member.

Your CEC: Anshu, Julie C, Julie S, Kim, Kyle, Karen, Dan, Sherri, Cindy, and Anthony

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Core Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar

September 13, 2017

see page 4 for details

Fall Professional Development Training

September 19, 2017

see page 2 for details



Eye Opener



20 Minutes

Time that parents in Marion County, Florida are required to read to their children every night. The new rule is in the place of homework, which the county is banning for elementary schools.

SOURCE: Governing.com | 07/14/2017



2017 Fall Professional Development Training

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

12:30pm to 4:30pm

Library of Michigan
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, Michigan

You can register online at <http://www.lansing-aga.org>. Click on Events.

Registration Ends Wednesday, September 6, 2017

12:00 – 12:30 Registration and Lunch

LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED

Please consume food outside the auditorium.

The State Budget
Al Pscholka, State Budget Director

Reimagining Life
Howard Pizzo, Delta Township Treasurer

Cyber Security and Data Privacy
PwC Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Data Analytics – Impacts Changing the Analytics Landscape
PwC Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Cost	Payment	Questions?
\$35 for AGA members \$55 for non-members MAIN ID 2521858718-005 qualifies for 4 hours of CPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ can be made by credit card when you register on-line▪ checks can be sent to AGA at PO Box 12159, Lansing, MI 48901▪ checks or cash can be accepted at the registration table	contact Kyle Stolicker stolickerK@michigan.gov 517-335-1562
Registrants are responsible for payment unless a cancellation is received by the deadline.		

Chapter Community Service Project

Fisher House of Michigan

The Chapter will be collecting donations for Fisher House of Michigan

See page 11 for informaton about Fisher House.

Make your checks payable to Fisher House Michigan.
A collection box will be at the registration table.

Sherri Troyer, Community Services Director, will gladly answer questions or collect your contribution.
troyers1@michigan.gov or 517-335-1012.

**MESSAGE
FROM
AGA'S
NATIONAL
PRESIDENT
2017-2018**



Jim Arnette, CGFM

Friends and Colleagues,

I've determined you can't eat too much clam chowder. I might have set a New England record for most bowls consumed in a six-day period during my time at PDT 2017 in Boston. Not only was the clam chowder delicious, the PDT was a huge success — we had more than 1,900 attendees!

A big thank you goes out to the members of the PDT Technical Committee, co-chaired by Suzanne Bump, Massachusetts State Auditor; Tim Gribben, CFO and Associate Administrator for Performance Management, U.S. Small Business Administration; and David McCue, Partner, Deloitte. Their leadership inspired the technical committee to put together an outstanding program full of interesting and informative sessions that appealed to attendees from all levels of government and from the many different career disciplines represented within our membership, demonstrating that AGA is more than an association of government accountants. I also want to thank our corporate sponsors for their generous support of the PDT and other AGA initiatives.

For those of you who were unable to participate, you missed the outstanding keynote speakers. U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro gave highlights of the U.S. government's financial status during a one-on-one interview with AGA CEO Ann Ebberts. Dan Thurmon, peak performance coach, dazzled us with acrobatics during his presentation, which encouraged us to find balance in our lives. Vikram Mansharamani, global trend-watcher and lecturer at Harvard and Yale universities, offered interesting perspectives on how to approach the future. David Lebyrk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and Mark Reger, Deputy Controller of the U.S. at the Office of Management and Budget, gave us a very informative presentation on what is happening at Treasury and OMB, respectively, and in federal financial management. We ended the conference with an incredibly inspirational presentation by Jessica Cox, the world's first armless pilot, who encouraged us to "think outside the shoe." Along with our keynotes, there were a host of other presentations that ran the gamut of accounting, auditing, management, personal development, IT, finance, human resources, ethics and more. I'm

sorry if you missed out on this wonderful experience. Hopefully, you can start making plans now to attend PDT 2018 in Orlando.

AGA has a busy year ahead and I'm ready to get to work as your national president for the coming year. My theme is "Accountants and Accountability Professionals Working Together to Make Government Work Better." And with that theme comes four goals:

1. Ensure all of AGA's many wonderful existing programs as well as any new initiatives fit within our new strategic plan.
2. Make AGA a membership "must" for government financial management professionals — by being an inclusive association. Ernie Almonte, SVP At-large, will head a task force looking at how we brand and market ourselves. The task force will make recommendations on what we can do to make AGA more appealing to everyone working in the government accountability field.
3. Expand the presence of state and local government members at AGA national events such as the PDT and help increase AGA member awareness of the many wonderful things being done by the Intergovernmental Partnership program. Deborah Loveless, SVP-Appointed, will head a task force to recommend how to reach the 43 percent of our membership that represents state and local government and how we can improve intergovernmental cooperation.
4. Make higher education a bigger priority. AGA took a step in this direction by elevating the Higher Education Task Force to a standing Higher Education Committee. Past National President and academician Billy Morehead has agreed to serve as the committee's inaugural chair. The mission of the committee is to work with colleges and universities, promoting curricula in government accounting; encouraging students to consider careers in public service; and educating students on the value of AGA and the CGFM certification.

In addition to these goals, the National Executive Committee (NEC) has begun reviewing our organization's governance structure. Some preliminary findings of this review were presented to the National Board of Directors, in Boston. The governance structure that has served AGA for more than 65 years should be modernized to support the forward-thinking and responsive organization our strategic plan calls us to be — the premier association for promoting government accountability and good government initiatives?

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Our profession is changing and AGA is changing as well. Our governance structure needs to allow for more flexibility in order to make good, sound decisions in a timely manner.

So, where do we go from here? Over the next few months, the NEC will seek feedback and discuss potential changes to our governance structure. The plan is to have a revised model drafted by February 2018 that can be shared with chapter leaders at the sectional leadership meetings (SLMs). The most important aspect of this process is to come up with a model that continues to emphasize chapter representation and provide chapters a continuous voice. It is our plan to call for a final vote on a new governance model at the NBD meeting at the PDT 2018 in Orlando.

In closing, my predecessor gave me two tongue-in-cheek gifts when he handed off the presidential gavel to me at the close of PDT. One was "Bob, the Testosterone-Filled Action Figure." You see, with a wife, two daughters, a female dog, and a female cat, I need some manly influences around the house. Bob is now there for me... if I could just find where my wife put him. The second was Coca-Cola Classic — my caffeine drink of choice — because I'll need a lot of energy for the year ahead!

Jim

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The program is sponsored by AGA's Young Professional Focus Group and provides up to 10 full-time undergraduate students with an opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders in government financial management at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT) in Washington D.C. on February 27-28, 2018.

Participants of the program will:

- Have an onsite mentor to guide them around the NLT event.
- Attend NLT sessions.
- Sit at reserved tables for an exclusive lunch with corporate partner members and government officials.
- Receive recognition at the event, including a certificate of participation and commemorative photo.
- Earn continuing professional education (CPE) credits for sessions they attend.
- Receive a complimentary e-membership in AGA for one year.

Applicants must apply on or before November 10, 2017.

Visit agacgfm.org to learn more and apply.



**WEB CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY
September 13, 2017
2:00pm to 3:50pm
Constitution Hall
Arthur Iverson Room
Lansing, Michigan**

MANAGING 90 PERCENT OF YOUR JOB

REGISTRATION

Register on-line at www.aga-lansing.org.
Click on events.

Register before Monday September 11, 2017

COST

AGA members - FREE
non-members - \$20

Did you know that 90 percent of a leader's job on any given project is communication, according to the Project Management Institute? Leaders set the tone and model the behavior they want from their team members. Leaders and team members have a responsibility to manage their communication and leadership skills that will encourage everyone to get the word out on the work that needs to be done, be on the same page, be professional and keep moving forward. This webinar will cover effective leadership and communication skills and techniques which are essential in the workplace.

Speaker: Leon Young, Consultant, Educator, Leon Young Seminars

Learning Objectives: Participants will learn and understand the principles of workplace effectiveness, promote an environment of trust and create a workplace environment that is pleasant, professional and productive.



Purvi Bodawala

Posted
March 30, 2017



EMAIL ETIQUETTE IN THE WORKPLACE



We all have received a wide variety of email. Because email has become so second nature in the workplace, it's easy to forget some of the etiquette that

goes along with it. It's easy to send an instantaneous response to mark it off your to-do list and move on to the next item.

Keep it short and to the point.

Depending on the topic, emails can get long. It's important to realize that not everyone has the time to read every word of a long email, and they may not be able to digest it all. Make it easy for them by indicating the main



point of the email in the first sentence, and using bullet points to summarize what you are trying to say. You can use bold and/or colors to indicate any actions that they have to take or any response that you are expecting back. This helps organize the email and helps the reader focus on what you are trying to communicate.

Think of the urgency.

Not everyone uses email the same way. Some may get their email on their phone, and respond right away, while others will take their time to respond. Consider the urgency of the topic and the response time that you would like to achieve. If it is something urgent, email may not be the right way to communicate which in case you may need to use other means of communication.

URGENT MESSAGE
(Read this)

Don't make it personal.

Email is open to the reader's interpretation. Because it's something that we read and process, the way that we interpret the information in the email can be different than what the author intended. Try to keep it objective and related to the topic being discussed. Let's see a simple example. I send out an email to a group of reviewers of a draft contract that I'm working on. I indicate in the email that I would like their feedback. I get responses back with edits to the document.

Do I take those responses personally? Absolutely not. They are critiquing the draft contract,



not me. And, the contract is something that I'm creating on behalf of the organization, so it is a team effort. Email lacks body language and tone, so we can easily end up misinterpreting the intention.

Use links and minimize attachments.

Have you ever thought to yourself "I know I have that attachment in my email, somewhere?" In the workplace, usually there are shared drives where you can place your documents and provide others a link to where they are stored. This provides a common way for all to access the document rather than looking up email. This also helps reduce hoarding problems in emails. Doing this minimizes the need to use email as the primary means for looking up documents and storing them.

Use "Thank you" sparingly.

Have you ever met someone who replies "Thank you" to almost every email that you send? After a while, I tend to ignore their replies and I become complacent.

To...	Jane
Cc...	
Subject	Re: Information Requested

Therefore, save your "thank you" (and the relevant network traffic) for when you are really grateful and show them in person.

Here is the information you requested.
Bob
Thanks
Jane
You're welcome
Bob

CORPS DOESN'T NEED TO STUDY LOCKS, IT NEEDS TO BUILD ONE

Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City,
representing the 37th State Senate District



State Rep. Lee Chatfield and I recently toured the Soo Locks, inviting with us several fellow legislators to show them the inner workings of the locks and demonstrate the need for a new lock at the Sault Ste. Marie facility.

The locks, which were built between 1896 and 1943 and last upgraded in 1968, are vital to the national economy. Each year about 10,000 ships pass through the locks, carrying 80 million tons of iron ore, coal, grain, and other cargo.

Only one of the four current locks can accommodate the size of the massive freighters currently in operation. The MacArthur Lock can only accommodate vessels up to 800 feet, leaving the Poe Lock to handle the massive “lakers,” some of which are longer than 1,000 feet and over 100 feet wide.

A new “super-lock” that would replace the current Davis and Sabin locks was authorized by Congress in 1986 but has since been delayed due to a lack of federal funding. In 2009, funds were provided for preparatory work that built coffer dams at the ends of the Sabin Lock and to dredge the approach channels to the necessary 28.5-foot depth. However, nothing has been done since.

This places the burden of millions of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in commerce on one single lock. If a failure occurred, it would be an economic disaster for numerous industries throughout the U.S.

If the Poe Lock were to go down, there would be no other way for these massive ships to cross. The Lake Carriers Association predicts such a shutdown would affect Michigan’s economy so deeply that more than 22 percent of the state’s workers would become unemployed.

A recent study from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security also outlined just how drastic the effects would be if the Poe Lock were to fail. A six-month shutdown would close factories across the U.S., resulting in an estimated 11 million jobs lost and sending the nation back into a recession. The amount of iron ore and grain removed from the North American supply chain would halt automobile and food production nationwide and have a negative impact on Canada and Mexico as well.



Though the Army Corps of Engineers is working to mitigate the risk of a shutdown, it has been nearly 50 years since the locks received a substantial upgrade. As the locks age, the probability of failure grows. We need to do more than continue to put Band-Aids on this issue. Multiple Great Lakes states have approved resolutions urging the federal government to appropriate the necessary funds to upgrade the Sabin and Davis locks because of what a failure could mean for their economies and the entire U.S.

We do not need to continue to study this situation, and we do not need another cost-benefit analysis. Both industry and government officials agree that a failure will be catastrophic. Our state has fought hard to emerge from the recession and we simply cannot afford the risk of falling into another.

Early Career Center

SIX THINGS TO DO WHEN WORK IS SLOW

By: Francesca El-Attrash, GovLoop, July 13, 2017



If you're a budding young professional, you've been at those internships or jobs where things were probably less than "bustling." There might have been days where you sat at your desk with absolutely nothing to do. Even when you informed your supervisors about your extra bandwidth, they were still unable to find work for you. And especially when it comes to summer in government, slow weeks can be the name of the game.

So what do you do during those downtimes at work? Stalk an ex on Facebook? Take a couple of selfies? Get out your fidget spinner? You could do these things, but they wouldn't be a productive use of your time.

As monotonous as slow days may seem, there are several ways you can use those periods to advance your professional development. Not only will these productive tips make you more equipped at your job when work starts piling in, they will also help your career in the long term:

1. Organize. Nothing kills productivity like clutter and mess. When you want to maximize productivity during your busy workdays, help yourself out by clearing your workspace. Think of it as taking the time to pave a highway you can use when you need to travel fast.

Clear your desk by getting rid of anything lying around that you don't use on a daily basis, i.e. old mugs, lanyards and post its. File old paperwork that needs to be saved and get rid of paper that doesn't have any value.

2. Read up. Not talking about a Jillian Flynn thriller like "Gone Girl" here. When you have time to kill, it's good to spend time reading up on your current organization. If you work at the State Department, for example, take some time to peruse the home page and get to know the five career tracks for foreign service officers. You might narrow down the career path of your choice. Or, if you've already done all your organizational reading, find articles on leadership or professional networking. Get the latest on government news and trends and what's going on in the public sector.

By learning more about your workplace and government overall, you're increasing your value as an employee and future job seeker. You can

also take the time to watch some TedTalks or find some online courses to learn new skills like public speaking or coding.

5. Track accomplishments. A slow day provides the perfect opportunity to sit back and take inventory of all our professional accomplishments. This can help with future performance reviews with your supervisor and can be an invaluable list if the perfect job opportunity opens up.

Government resumes are lengthier and require numbers and specifics when it comes to professional accomplishments. So open up an excel sheet and organize a list of projects, articles and any extra professional curricular development you want to highlight. Try and make sure they're organized by date so you have a good timeline too.

4. Update. Once you have a working list of all your recent professional accomplishments, you can work on cleaning up your professional portfolio. Update your USAJobs resume and LinkedIn profile by adding your latest achievements. Double check your education status and be sure all your information is up to date.

You'll also want to list any recent publications like blog posts or research articles. Spend time doing this as if you were applying for a job tomorrow. Whether you're at your organization for the next four years or four months, it helps to think of yourself as a perpetual job seeker so you don't stay too comfortable in your current workplace. Always be ready with an updated resume and professional profile.

5. Dream big. Constructive daydreaming can actually be a great use of your time. Think of new product ideas or a blog series you could start for your organization. Or think of some skills that you would like to perfect – like learning a new language.

This is also a great time to think long term. Where do you envision yourself in the next year? Where would you like to be in the next 5 years? Dreaming of short-term and long-term goals can help you narrow future job searches and also make your time at your current workplace worthwhile by pursuing activities and projects that align with your professional goals. Make sure to jot down your big

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ATTENTION AGA MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Your AGA chapter would like to recognize you in an upcoming issue of the chapter newsletter. Please identify the branch of service and the years you served our country.

Email your information to Cindy Osga at osgac@michigan.gov.



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dreams and goals so you can check back periodically.

6. Network. Use this time to grab coffee with coworkers you haven't talked to yet. Learn about what they do at the organization and if they have any professional advice. Networking is often a resource that many fail to take advantage of. The people around you offer a wealth of knowledge and may even be the key to your next great position.

Got a favorite professor or mentor you haven't spoken to in a while? Send them an email just checking in and asking after them. This demonstrates that you care and that they're an important person in your life. Plus, you never know if you might need them for a reference or recommendation letter in the future.

Downtime at work can be painfully mind-numbing. But if you use this time at work productively, it doesn't have to be. Take the time for yourself and your professional development and you'll be ready to go once work picks up again.



The Mark of Excellence in Federal, State, and Local Government

CGFM is the professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting at the federal, state, and local levels.

WHY HIRE A CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER?

CGFM exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.

Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.

Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at

every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.

Demonstrate your organization's commitment to excellence:

- Seek CGFMs for employment
- Encourage current staff to enroll in the CGFM program as part of his or her professional development
- Reimburse CGFM certification costs (application, training and examination fees)
- Support preparation efforts – set aside time during the work day for studying
- Bring CGFM courses to your location to educate your staff and help candidates prepare for examinations
- Offer financial incentives or promotions to those who earn their CGFM

Chapter Education Calendar



You can register for all chapter events at www.aga-lansing.org. Click on events.

Check the chapter website and upcoming newsletters for more information.

September 13, 2017

Webinar Conference

Government Communications/Leadership
Constitution Hall Arthur Iverson Conf Rm
2 hours CPE

September 19, 2017

Professional Development Seminar

A Changing World
Library of Michigan
4 hours CPE

October 17, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

November 15, 2017

Webinar Conference

Ethics in Fraud
VanWagoner Building, Pictured Rocks
2 hours CPE

November 21, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

December 6, 2017

Webinar Conference

Internal Control
Constitution Hall Arthur Iverson Conf Rm
2 hours CPE

December 13, 2017

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

January 10, 2018

Webinar Conference

Grants Management
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

January 16, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Annual Tax Update
Library of Michigan
1 hour CPE

February 20, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

March 2018 – Date to be Determined

Professional Development Training

Training for Government Professionals
Location to be Determined
8 hours CPE

March 7, 2018

Webinar Conference

Infrastructure Financing
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

March 28, 2018

Webinar Conference

Cybersecurity
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

April 17, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 15, 2018

Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Topic to be Determined
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
1 hour CPE

May 16, 2018

Webinar Conference

Fraud and Data Analytics
VanWagoner Building, Lakeshore Room
2 hours CPE

June 13, 2018

Webinar Conference

Leadership
Constitution Hall, ConCon A and B
2 hours CPE



MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Member Anniversaries

Calvin Kladder, CGFM-Retired	29 years
Christopher Bayley	21 years
Marcellette Reynolds, CGFM	21 years
Susan Saari	17 years
Janell Thelen	7 years
Ann Dennis	4 years
Anthony Edwards	3 years
Alan Glanton	2 years
Sandra Burkhart	1 year

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brandon McAndrew
Technology, Management and Budget



CHAPTER FINANCES

Balance Sheet at July 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets:	
Checking Account	\$ 28,794
Pay Pal Account	<u>\$ 2,749</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 31,543</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Beginning Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 27,070
Restricted	<u>\$ 4,515</u>
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ -42</u>
Ending Fund Balance	
Unrestricted	\$ 27,028
Restricted	<u>\$ 4,515</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 31,543</u>



OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



National AGA

To register for events, visit www.agacgfm.org

September 19-20, 2017

Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training

Washington DC or Virtual
14 hours CPE

October 3, 2017

Shared Services Summit

Washington DC
8 hours CPE



West Michigan AGA

To register for events, visit
www.agawestmichigan.org/home/events

October 24, 2017

Webinar – Topic to be Determined

Your Computer
2 hours CPE

I am still learning.
Michelangelo at age 87



CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2017
Lewis Cass Building

CEC Members Present: Anthony Edwards, Cindy Osga, Julie Salman, Kyle Stolicker, Sherri Troyer, Anshu Varma, Dan Wawiernia

CEC Members Not Present: Julie Chrysler, Kim Dunbar, Karen Stout

Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the July 18, 2017 CEC meeting minutes.

Budget and Financials: Julie S. and Anshu will work to finalize the 2017-2018 program year budget. Julie S. discussed the financial reports presented. The chapter has a fund balance of \$ 31,543.13. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the July 2018 financials and expenditures in the amount of \$297.32.

Membership: Discussed having a luncheon meeting free to chapter members during the program year. Will need to decide a date and speaker. Suggested Lou Ockunzzi who is the Great Lakes AGA Regional Vice President.

Education: Kyle indicated the speakers and topics have been finalized. We will use Grand Traverse Pie Company for the boxed lunches at the PDT.

Program Luncheons: Karen was unable to attend the meeting today. Julie S. indicated she confirmed the VanWagoner, Lakeshore Room is available for the luncheon meeting dates.

Communications – Newsletter and CCR: The July/August newsletter is nearing completion and expected to be ready for distribution on Wednesday.

CGFM and CPE Events: Dan discussed the webinar dates and topics, and the feedback he received from the CEC thus far. We will be hosting 8 of the 12 webinars offered by National AGA. After discussion it was decided we would eliminate one internal control webinar, one ethics webinar, GASB, and the Data Act.

Webmaster: No news to report.

Community Service: Sherri discussed VITA as one event for the program year. Other suggestions included Fisher House and Honor Flight. Fisher House of Michigan will be the community service project at the Fall PDT.

Awards: No report.

Chapter Recognition Program: Dan participated in the Relay for Life and will provide information to claim credits in the Chapter Recognition Program.

Old Business: Cindy will provided CEC training to cover the chapter recognition program, chapter bylaws, and the national governance structure at the September CEC meeting.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 12:45 pm.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2017
Location: Lewis Cass Building
Host: Kyle Stolicker



because a family's love
is good medicine

fisherhousemichigan.org

Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veteran's families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. The homes are located near major military and VA medical centers nationwide. Fisher Houses have suites with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures there is never a lodging fee, saving military and veterans' families out of pocket costs for lodging while a loved one is being cared for.

Fisher House of Michigan needs your help to build the first Fisher House in Michigan. Over \$1 million has been raised to date. Fisher House of Michigan is committed to serving those who have served. Fisher House of Michigan will be near the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, which is the second highest rated VA hospital in the country according to USA Today. Charity Navigator shows that over 90 percent of donations are used for programs and the services delivered.



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